

IEM's AI Modeling: Short-term COVID-19 Projections**Date: 6/29/21**

Leveraging over 15 years of support to HHS for medical consequence modeling and our proprietary artificial intelligence (AI) models, IEM believes that our Coronavirus model outputs can be used to assist localities and their medical facilities to better prepare for an increase in hospitalizations, to better plan for and locate drive-through testing facilities, and to determine where increased levels of transmission may be occurring.

We have been refining our AI model over the past month and are confident in its ability to provide accurate 7-day projections that can be used for operational and logistical planning.

AI-based Model Background

IEM is currently using an AI model to fit data from various sources and project new cases of COVID-19. We do not assume the average number of secondary infections (R-value) stays the same over time. IEM's AI model finds the best R-value over time to evaluate how it changes over the course of the outbreak. The IEM modeling team is running ~11 million simulations to fit each state's data and using the best fit for the R-value to project new cases over the next 7 days. The AI models are executed on a daily basis to evaluate the changing dynamics of the COVID-19 pandemic. Our projections have typically been within 10%, and are often within 5%, of actual confirmed cases.

The projections shown in this document are based on data pulled in as of 6/29/21 9 a.m.

Please provide any feedback or send any questions that you might have to us. We are continually updating and improving the model, so your feedback is critical.

Also, if you have more current or refined data for your State, Commonwealth or Territory that you would like IEM to factor in, please let us know.

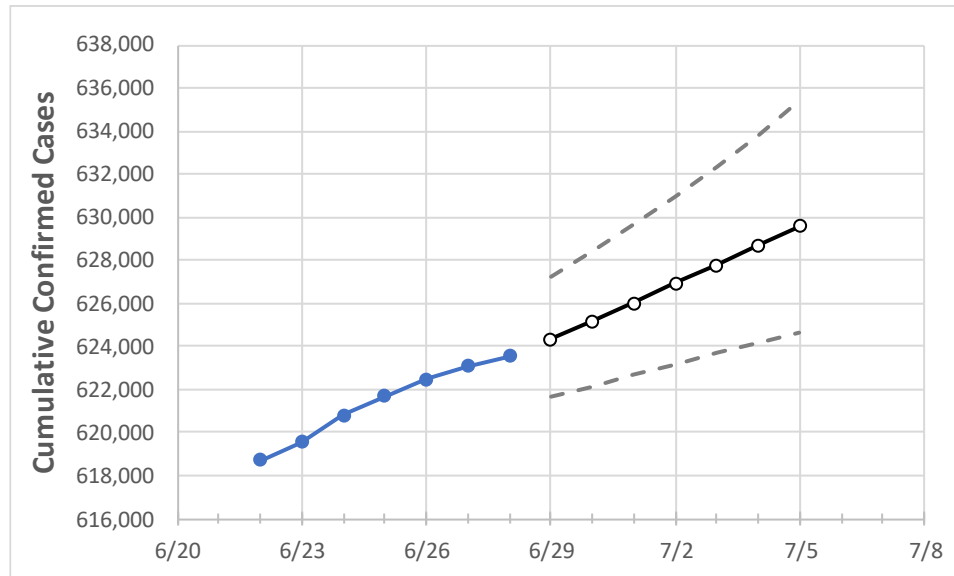
IEM's Modeling Lead

Dr. Prasith "Sid" Baccam is a **Computational Epidemiologist expert** at IEM with more than **20 years of experience in medical consequence modeling and simulation of disease outbreaks** and medical consequences following hypothetical attacks with biological agents or emerging infectious diseases. He develops key simulation models and decision support tools at IEM, specializing in public health, disaster response, and medical countermeasures (MCM) to enhance data-driven decision making and improve modeling assumptions.

Upon receiving his **Ph.D. in Applied Mathematics and Immunobiology** at Iowa State University, Dr. Baccam worked as a Postdoctoral Research Associate at Los Alamos National Laboratory where he focused on researching viral and immunological modeling. After his stint at Los Alamos, Dr. Baccam has served as Task Lead in multiple public health projects have allowed him to develop expertise as a mathematical biologist and a leader on high-performance modeling and simulation teams.

He has worked with state and local public health officials as well as Federal agencies, including **HHS**, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (**CDC**), and the Department of Homeland Security (**DHS**). Dr. Baccam has published numerous papers on public health response models and implications on policy and has been invited to participate in workshops and symposiums held by the Institute of Medicine (now the National Academy of Health). His modeling results have been briefed to the **Executive Office of the President** and informed two presidential policy actions.

Missouri State Projections



	Actual Confirmed Cases On:				Projected Cases For:						
	6/25	6/26	6/27	6/28	6/29	6/30	7/1	7/2	7/3	7/4	7/5
Missouri	621,683	622,472	623,096	623,538	624,352	625,186	626,025	626,920	627,796	628,697	629,586

Note: The State's projection shows a "best estimate" curve (the solid line with circles) and the dotted lines are the upper and lower estimates around that best estimate. Our projections have typically been within 10%, and are often within 5%, of actual confirmed cases.

Missouri Counties

	Actual Confirmed Cases On:				Projected Cases For:						
	6/25	6/26	6/27	6/28	6/29	6/30	7/1	7/2	7/3	7/4	7/5
Boone	18,361	18,392	18,413	18,440	18,471	18,503	18,539	18,577	18,617	18,660	18,708
City of St. Louis	25,357	25,375	25,394	25,413	25,430	25,447	25,465	25,483	25,501	25,520	25,539
Greene	30,729	30,822	30,912	30,968	31,085	31,204	31,328	31,459	31,591	31,726	31,862
Jackson (& KC)	84,849	84,926	85,000	85,041	85,119	85,197	85,276	85,357	85,441	85,525	85,609
St. Charles	43,464	43,485	43,513	43,526	43,543	43,561	43,578	43,596	43,613	43,631	43,649
St. Louis	101,378	101,451	101,505	101,563	101,637	101,713	101,791	101,872	101,957	102,040	102,128

Some recipients of our daily COVID-19 short-term (7 day) projections have requested projections of demand for: hospital bed, intensive care unit (ICU) beds, and mechanical ventilation. We realize that different states and localities will have different characteristics for hospital demand of COVID-19 cases, and we are presenting the best assumptions we could find for those medical demands based on scientific literature and health data reporting. Specifically:

- **Beds:** For hospitalization, we use a range of 10% and 20% of cases require hospitalization based on CDC's report ([MMWR, March 18, 2020](#)) and state reports of COVID-19 cases.
- **ICU:** The CDC report found that 24% of hospitalized cases require ICU care.
- **Ventilators:** Based on clinical data from China and state reports, we assume that 50% of ICU cases require a ventilator.

If you have other estimates for these assumptions, please share them with us as we work to refine our modeling, assumptions, and data on a daily basis.

The medical demands shown in the table assume 20% of **cumulative** confirmed cases require hospitalization. To get the medical demand for the assumption that 10% of confirmed cases require hospitalization, simply divide the demand by 2.

Missouri Medical Demands by County

	Actual Confirmed Cases On:				Projected Cases (Hospitalized) [ICU] {Ventilator} For:											
	6/25	6/26	6/27	6/28	6/30				7/2				7/4			
Boone	18,361	18,392	18,413	18,440	18,503	(3,701)	[888]	{444}	18,577	(3,715)	[892]	{446}	18,660	(3,732)	[896]	{448}
City of St. Louis	25,357	25,375	25,394	25,413	25,447	(5,089)	[1,221]	{611}	25,483	(5,097)	[1,223]	{612}	25,520	(5,104)	[1,225]	{612}
Greene	30,729	30,822	30,912	30,968	31,204	(6,241)	[1,498]	{749}	31,459	(6,292)	[1,510]	{755}	31,726	(6,345)	[1,523]	{761}
Jackson (& KC)	84,849	84,926	85,000	85,041	85,197	(17,039)	[4,089]	{2,045}	85,357	(17,071)	[4,097]	{2,049}	85,525	(17,105)	[4,105]	{2,053}
St. Charles	43,464	43,485	43,513	43,526	43,561	(8,712)	[2,091]	{1,045}	43,596	(8,719)	[2,093]	{1,046}	43,631	(8,726)	[2,094]	{1,047}
St. Louis	101,378	101,451	101,505	101,563	101,713	(20,343)	[4,882]	{2,441}	101,872	(20,374)	[4,890]	{2,445}	102,040	(20,408)	[4,898]	{2,449}

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